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School was out for the summer. Sally and Sue did not get to see each other as much as usual. For one thing, the two girls lived many miles apart. The girls' mothers would only let them get together one night each week. Tonight was Saturday night, and Sue invited Sally over to spend the night.

Sally arrived at Sue's house that night with a sleeping bag and pillow. She also brought her tape player and some tapes. She knew that she and Sue would want to listen to tapes late at night. When Sally got to Sue's house, Sue said that they were going to sleep outside that night. Sally had never slept outside before. She was scared to sleep outside and told Sue so. Sue said that sleeping outside was not scary. She told Sally not to be a sissy.

That evening, Sally and Sue ate the big dinner that Sue's mother fixed for them. When it was dark outside, Sue said it was time to set up camp. Sally and Sue went outside and rolled out their sleeping bags. The girls climbed down into their sleeping bags. The night air was warm and the stars were bright above. Sally was not scared of sleeping outside anymore.

Sally was having so much fun that she decided to tell Sue ghost stories. She began to tell Sue all about "bloody fingers." Sue felt scared. Sally told her another story about the "haunted house." Sue was really scared after that story. She asked Sally if they could go back inside. Sally said, "You said that I wouldn't be scared sleeping

outside. Now I am not scared sleeping outside but you are scared!" Sue said that Sally's ghost stories had scared her.

Overhead an owl began to hoot. Sally and Sue heard the owl hooting. All of a sudden, the two girls heard a rustling sound near them. The girls did not wait to find out what was causing the sound. They jumped up and ran back inside. Both Sally and Sue felt much better sleeping indoors that night.

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